

June 20, 2002

**In the Matter of Taxicab Driver's
License #05378, held by Liban
A. Ali, 2716 Blaisdell Ave #203
Minneapolis, MN 55408**

**Findings of Fact
Conclusion and
Recommendations**

This matter came before the Licenses and Consumer Services Division (LCS) during a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) investigative meeting held June 20, 2002 in room 1-C of City Hall. Mr. Ali was present as well as License Inspector Vu Tran. Mr. Ali chose to forego a hearing and stipulate to the following. Based on the evidence presented at the meeting, the Licenses and Consumer Services Division makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1) Mr. Ali is currently a holder of Minneapolis Taxicab Driver's License #05378.
- 2) On June 18, 2002 while patrolling the metered parking spaces on 7th Street South near the Roanoke taxicab stand, Traffic Control Agent Maureen Cain observed a couple of taxicab drivers standing outside of their taxicabs.
- 3) The agent notices that they were wearing sandals, which were a violation to city ordinance.
- 4) She approached Mr. Ali, who was the driver of a Green and White taxicab, advised him that wearing sandals was a violation of the taxicab ordinance and ordered him to go and change his footwear.
- 5) Mr. Ali lost his temper, started using profanity toward the agent and challenged her authority.
- 6) Green and White taxicab #721 was placed out-of-service.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Refusing to comply with a traffic control agent while in the performance of their duties is a violation of Minneapolis Taxicab Ordinance section 341.250(i).
2. Wearing sandals while in the operation of a taxicab is a violation of Minneapolis Taxicab Ordinance section 341.130(b).

3. Mr. Ali came in, apologized for his behavior and promised to never let this happen again.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is the recommendation of the Division of Licenses and Consumer Services that:

- 1) Mr. Ali will pay an administrative fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the City of Minneapolis Finance Department.
- 2) Mr. Ali of Green and White Taxi Service Company will be called out-of-service for one day.
- 3) Mr. Ali will write a letter of apology to the Traffic Control Agent Maureen Cain for his behavior.
- 4) Mr. Ali understands any similar incidents will result in a recommendation for license revocation.

I have read the Technical Advisory Committee's Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations. I understand and agree to the recommendations contained herein and understand this agreement is subject to the approval of the City Council. I further agree that any violation of this agreement may result in the suspension or revocation of my Minneapolis Taxicab Driver's License and or Vehicle License.

Signature, Mr. Liban Ahmed Ali

Date

Witness

Date